

KILLING MONDAY NIGHT.

Florida Anthony shot by Walter Blackstone, Both Colored.

Florida Anthony, a young colored girl, was shot some time Monday night near the old Indian mound, six miles from Tallahassee, by Walter Blackstone, or Blacksheep.

There was no witness to the shooting, and no one knows just how or when it happened. It seems that there had been a cake party at the home of John Myers, on Mr. B. C. Whitfield's plantation. Florida Anthony and Walter Blackstone were among the guests and cut the cake. Shortly after the party broke up it is supposed that the shooting occurred.

The girl received a fatal wound, the ball striking her in the back, just below the left shoulder blade. She died from the effects of the wound Tuesday morning.

On Wednesday morning Blackstone came in and gave himself up to Sheriff Pearce. He admits to having shot the girl, but says it was done accidentally. Judge Whitfield went down to hold an inquest in the absence of the coroner.

The following jury was empaneled: N. B. Bowen, J. B. D. C. Anderson, John Stewart, R. F. Scarlett and J. N. Forbes. The jury spent the day hearing evidence, and adjourned until 10 o'clock Thursday morning, when a number of other persons were sworn. On account of the absence of an important witness the trial was continued until Saturday morning. The preponderance of the evidence is against the girl.

She stated that after the shooting they were at the house of Kiah Barnes. Her testimony was as follows:

"Just about 4 o'clock Tuesday morning Florida called me and said: 'Mamma, you ought to have Walter Blacksheep arrested. You ought to have Mr. Pearce get him for shooting me or nothing. Because he asked me to accompany him, and I told him I didn't have any one to come with me from home, but I came with Cousin Kiah, and of course was going back with him, he shot me.'"

Several persons were present at the time the girl made this statement, and testified in a similar manner. The jury will get through its labors tomorrow. In the meantime Blackstone is in the county jail.

NO DECISION REACHED.

United States Supreme Court Failed to Hand Down Verdict.

The Supreme Court of the United States adjourned on December 9, without having rendered a decision in regard to the tax case of the State of Florida vs. the C. & P. Railroad Company, for \$96,516.93 back taxes.

This case was argued on November 5, in Washington, the State of Florida being represented by Attorney General W. B. Lamar, and the railroad company by Hon. J. A. Henderson, of Tallahassee; Hon. F. L. Clark, of Monticello; Wayne McVeigh, ex-attorney-general of the United States, and Mr. Frederick D. McConney.

The Supreme Court will convene again early in January, and it is believed that a decision will be reached soon thereafter. As the case has several times been decided in favor of Florida in the circuit and supreme courts of the State, it is believed that a favorable verdict will be handed down.

TAX CERTIFICATE FUNDS.

The funds arising from the sales and redemptions of tax sale certificates, as reported to the comptroller for the month of October, aggregate \$7,272.38, and has been distributed as follows, to the counties and State:

Alachua	280.29
Bradford	3.35
Brevard	30.83
Calhoun	5.40
Citrus	54.55
Clay	15.17
Columbia	69.09
Dade	80.76
DeSoto	20.67
Duval	668.82
Escambia	20.96
Franklin	3.93
Gadsden	18.89
Hamilton	8.38
Hernando	124.18
Hillsborough	364.69
Holmes	13.46
Jackson	1.48
Jefferson	146.40
Lafayette	1.25
Lake	40.49
Lee	35.42
Levy	67.63
Liberty	13
Manatee	65.38
Marion	293.42
Monroe	183.04
Nassau	58.45
Orange	135.94
Osceola	26.42
Pasco	5.32
Polk	106.61
Putnam	55.13
St. Johns	3.62
Santa Rosa	4.40
Sumpter	11.50
Swannoe	2.88
Volusia	114.16
Wakulla	11.71
Washington	5.88
State Treasurer, for State	4,107.77
Total	\$7,272.38

"Your wife," we said to the husband of the great authoress, "is the woman of the hour."

"Indeed she is," he responded, with a tinge of sadness in his voice. "She is the woman of the hour and a half when she is dressing for the theater."—Baltimore American.

Trees Older Than the Pyramids.

A wonder of longevity is the so called dragon's blood tree of Tenerife. Rosin obtained from this tree has been found in sepulchres, where it had been used for embalming the dead. Trees of this species are now standing which are estimated as being older than the Egyptian pyramids.

Never praise a woman's cake unless you are prepared to eat every slice on the plate.—Athenian Globe.

Making Steel Rails.

The rail mill presents many pictures that appeal strongly to lovers of the picturesque. Under ordinary circumstances the great strands of iron, each half as long as a city block, slide back and forth smoothly enough between the rolls that are stretching them and pressing them into the required shape, but a tiny obstacle may at any moment turn one of these cables of fire off the beaten track and twist it into a hopeless tangle or wind it like a squirming snake around some unfortunate workman.

When the rolling process has been completed, the piece of iron slides along to the great buzzsaws, which cut it up into the 30 foot rails known to the railway traveler. Every time the whirling circular saw clips off one of these lengths, sparks radiate in every direction, as though the biggest pyrotechnical pinwheel ever devised had been suddenly set in motion.

When the rail has been cooled and holes have been drilled in it, it is ready to start for any part of the world. The evolution of bars or beams or sheets from the big steel slabs is gained by the same general method of procedure. It is the size and shape of the grooves in the rolls which determine the form to be ultimately assumed by the steel in their clutches.—Century Magazine.

Absolute Zero.

By "absolute zero" is meant the lowest temperature compatible with heat—that point of temperature, in fact, at which a body would be wholly deprived of heat and at which the particles whose motion constitutes heat would be at rest. This temperature is supposed to be about 274 degrees C. or 461 degrees F.

The term "heat" is here used in its scientific sense, for as men use the word in everyday language its significance depends on the temperature of the human body. Men call "warm" everything with a temperature higher than their own and "cold" all those objects which have less heat than they.

In reality, however, the coldest body known to man is far from being utterly without heat. Ice, for example, has heat, only in a degree so much below man's temperature that one can scarcely imagine it to be anything but "cold," a term which actually implies a comparatively low degree of heat.

Accordingly the zero of thermometers is only a conventional point marking a certain degree of heat. There seems to be a point, however, where heat ceases absolutely, and this point it is which is known in chemistry as the "absolute zero."

Modern Man's Great Appetite.

Custom seems to have decreed that three "square" meals a day should be the allowance for the citizen of the United States and Canada, and it was looked upon as being as fixed as the laws of the Medes and Persians, but an up town restaurant man states that a great number of New Yorkers are no longer satisfied with the regulation three meals a day. Four meals are now asked for, breakfast, lunch, dinner and supper. The last is no doubt superfluous for those who can and do make three hearty meals out of the others, but there must be many who will learn with pleasure that it is no longer incumbent upon them to go "superfluous to their bed." The idea that indigestion may be caused by the introduction of the fourth meal is absurd.—Scottish American.

A Floral Inscription.

At one time I was pastor of a village where there was a German undertaker who was always anxious to please. Because of his zeal in this direction and his habit of so often getting things backward he was the butt of a good many jokes and furnished others many a hearty laugh. One day a customer of his asked him to telegraph the florist in a nearby city to send a floral design representing "Gates Ajar." He hurried to the phone and, calling up the florist, said he wished a floral design. The florist asked what kind. He was puzzled, but not defeated, and after some delay said: "Oh, yes; now I got him! Heaven wide open; that's what they want!"—Homiletic Review.

Make a Banana Peel Itself.

A trick which works on a simple principle is to make a banana peel itself. To do this all that is wanted is a bottle, a ripe banana and a bit of paper wet with alcohol. Light the paper and drop it into this bottle. When the air in the bottle is well heated, set the banana on end on top and let it do the rest itself. As the air on the inside cools off and contracts the outside pressure pushes the banana down into the bottle until it has drawn itself out of its skin.

Cries of Animals.

The roar of a lion can be heard farther than the sound of any other living creature. Next comes the cry of a hyena, and then the hoot of the owl. After these the panther and the jackal. The donkey can be heard 50 times farther than the horse and the cat ten times farther than the dog. Strange as it may seem, the cry of a hare can be heard farther than that of either the cat or the dog.

When the Atlantic Was Bridged.

According to the distinguished French anthropologists Gabriel and Adrien de Mortillet there was a junction between Europe and America by way of the British Isles, the Faeroes, Iceland and Greenland in what is known as the Chellean epoch, which is supposed to have ended 150,000 or 160,000 years ago.—Baltimore Sun.

Replaced Them.

Mistress—Why, Bridget, what on earth are you doing with all the broken dishes on the shelf?
Bridget—Sure, mum, yez towid me Oi wur to replace every one Oi broke.

A Singing Earthworm.

We have heard of a good many creatures which sing, including Mr. Ruskin's singing serpents in the valley of Diamonds, yet Mr. Annandale has assured us that there exists in the Malay peninsula a being which the Malays described under the above heading.

It lives in a burrow in the ground and cheerfully sings, or at least chirps. But the Malays call everything that creeps a worm, and the beast which they really mean is a large kind of cricket with a voice.

In the very same part of the world, however, is a real earthworm, a huge monster three or four feet in length, which was discovered not long ago and which really has a voice, or at least can produce a sound. The Latin name of musician has been given to it on that account.

When it is foraging about near the surface of the ground, the numerous sharp little bristles implanted in its skin, which enable it to hold on to the earth, strike against stones and give out a musical sound. This is rather more like twanging a "Jew's harp" than singing. But any sort of sound from these silent, gliding creatures is singing.—London Express.

Jackson and the Tailor's Bill.

A gentleman in Pennsylvania has a queer document which came into his family's possession many years ago and shows an interesting phase of Andrew Jackson's character as well as a glimpse of the simple times of his presidential term.

It appears that a clerk in the state department contracted a tailor's bill for \$84.50, and the tailor, finding himself unable to collect the amount, laid the matter before the president in an appealing letter.

Jackson promptly decided that this was a matter to which he must attend personally, so he transmitted the tailor's letter to the secretary of state, with this strong recommendation:

Referred to the secretary of state. If on inquiry the fact stated be true, unless the clerk pays up his debt let him be forthwith discharged.

The government would become a party to such swindling provided it permitted its officers to become indebted for necessities and not see that they paid their debts out of their salaries.

Honest men will pay their debts. Dishonest men must not be employed by the government.

Lemon Juice.

A little lemon juice in the water in which fish is boiled will make it desirably solid, the too frequent lack of a boiled fish. Sweetbreads left for an hour before cooking in a bath of rather strong dilution of lemon juice are made white and firm. A few drops of lemon juice are declared to add a delicious flavor to scrambled eggs. But a quite new use is in the preparation of rolled beef. This requires a rib roast, with the bones cut out. The juice of a lemon is squeezed over the meat, and the skin of it rolled up in it. The result is a tender, juicy, aromatic meat, very grateful to the palate. The Brazilian beef is highly esteemed for its flavor, and this is because the cattle pasture where lemons are plentiful and eat the fallen fruit, which flavors their flesh.—What to Eat.

Wedding Days Preferred.

The adage "Happy is the bride that the sun shines on" is one that is unknown in many lands. A Breton bride takes it unhappily when the day of her wedding dawns bright and sunny. Rain on her marriage morn is held to signify that all her tears are shed and that she will therefore have a happy married life.

It is said that the Erza of Simbrisk call the day before the wedding the weeping day, and the bride and her girl friends weep as much as possible with the idea of getting the mourning of life over, so that only what is joyful may remain. In some countries this result is attained by sousing the bride with water. The Greeks think that a thorough drenching of the bride will bring her lasting good fortune.

Crushed the Diamond.

Among historic diamonds one, the "Piggott," has gone out of existence. The story of its destruction is a tragical one. It was said to be worth \$200,000. The diamond came into the possession of Ali Pasha, who always wore it in a green silk purse attached to his girdle.

He was wearing it when he was wounded by Reshid Pasha. Knowing that his wound was mortal, he immediately retired to his divan, gave orders that his favorite wife should be poisoned and then delivered the diamond to Captain D'Angias with the order that it should be crushed to powder in his presence. His command was obeyed, and the beautiful gem was utterly destroyed.

When Turtles Were Big.

Of the turtles it may be said that they represent the most ancient type of all vertebrates, resembling closely as they do the reptiles of their kind which existed so far back as the mesozoic era. There were sea turtles during that epoch which measured 20 feet in spread of flippers, while some tertiary tortoises were not less big in body, measuring 12 feet from head to tail.

London Bridges.

Here is the history of London's bridges in brief: Westminster bridge was begun in 1738 and finished in 1746, Blackfriars bridge in 1760 and finished in 1770, Waterloo bridge in 1811 and opened on June 18, 1817; Southwark iron bridge in 1814 and finished in 1819 and the present London bridge in 1824, being opened on Aug. 1, 1831.

The Penalty.

"Did Mrs. Highlife's traveling gown fit well?"
"Yes, but it cost so much she had to give up her trip and stay at home."—Tit-Bits.

The Gallant Cabman.

Nothing perhaps produces quite so much woe from a cabman as a sense of being underpaid, which in most cases means that he has been justly paid. A lady who had been guilty of this kind of justice experienced the usual sense of discomfort when her driver straightened the palm into which she had just dropped her shilling and looked at her speechlessly. She was weakly about to add another sixpence when the cabby's sense of humor prevailed. He transferred the shilling to his pocket and smiled sweetly down at his embarrassed fare. "Course, missy," he remarked, "there was the pleasure of drivin' you!"—London Chronicle.

He Took It.

Host—So sorry you have to be going.
Guest—Indeed, I am too. By the way, I'm not sure about my train. It's 9 something, but—
Host's Eldest—It's 9:32. Pa said he 'hoped you'd take that one.—Philadelphia Record.

Monthly Financial Statement. Board of Public Instruction of Leon County, Florida, for November, 1901.

WARRANTS ISSUED DECEMBER 3, 1901.	
No. 735—To H W Demilly, salary	\$ 85 00
736 C M Brevard	50 00
737 M W Cotten	50 00
738 Miss Hennie Chaires	50 00
739 Martha Epps	50 00
740 J P Montgomery	60 00
741 Grace Knapp	30 00
742 Ka e Sullivan	30 00
743 Maud Feun	25 00
744 Frank Hartsfield	30 00
745 Jennie Moore	30 00
746 E C Kippes	25 00
747 B F Maxwell	25 00
748 Ellen Cromartie	25 00
749 Pauline Costa	30 00
750 Kate M. Bo d	30 00
751 A E Moore	30 00
752 Vinnie Masters	30 00
753 Daisy Temple	25 00
754 Ora Ward	30 00
755 Florence Howell	25 00
756 W H Providence	25 00
757 May Miller	25 00
758 S J Brown, salary	30 00
759 Ellen Athorp	30 00
760 Lenora Williams	30 00
761 Hossie Sauls	40 00
762 Mr O L Anderson	25 00
763 Mamie Stewart	25 00
764 L W Searlough	45 00
765 Ola Page	25 00
766 Clara F Anderson	40 00
767 Fannie Wilson	25 00
768 Gussie Herring	25 00
769 Evelyn Wooten	30 00
770 J G Kelly	50 00
771 M C Forbes	30 00
772 I C Baker	30 00
773 E W Ryan	30 00
774 J H Frazier	30 00
775 F G Johnson	30 00
776 Charlotte Cobb	16 00
777 A E Walls	20 00
778 L L Shepard	16 00
779 P L Foudamer	15 00
780 A A Garrett	16 00
781 Ethel Jones	16 00
782 A A Jackson	16 00
783 L W Taylor	16 00
784 Amanda Parrish	16 00
785 Lila Ryan	16 00
786 M A Whitaker	16 00
787 M B Long	15 00
788 M L Robinson	22 00
789 Amelia Berry	16 00
790 Mamie Reed	15 00
791 Hasty Jenkins	22 00
792 C D Richardson	20 00
793 H G Edwards	25 00
794 J H Stroman	22 00
795 Geo McGriff	25 00
796 R A McGriff	16 00
797 Mary Carr	15 00
798 F J Baker	22 00
799 M B Baker	22 00
800 Ellen Johnson	20 00
801 E B Henderson	16 00
802 E S Edwards	18 00
803 Laura Patterson	15 00
804 R H Patterson	15 00
805 Charlotte Gardner	16 00
806 Eliza Perrell	15 00
807 Christine Smith	20 00
808 M A Duncan	16 00
809 Emma Reed	16 00
810 Fannie Bithewood	15 00
811 Delia Knight	15 00
812 M Duncan	18 00
813 J H Wester	25 00
814 James Bolden	75 00
815 W J Johnson	15 00
816 Tallahassee Racket Co., supplies	4 30
817 Gilmore & Davis Co., supplies	12 50
818 G H Averitt	5 00
819 Thos J Perkins & Sons, interest	61 05
820 J C Scott	1 25
821 Atkinson & Menzies	2 00
822 H W Demilly	1 50
823 Josh McPherson	8 40
824 C A Bryan	1 75
825 Janitor, colored Graded School	4 00
826 J D Johnson	2 50
827 Strickland and Robertson	4 65
828 L C Yeager, supplies	36 55
829 Superintendent's salary for Nov-ber	83 00
830 S M Providence	9 50
831 William Maxwell	2 50
	\$2,420 05

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

Oct. 31—To balance on hand	\$ 94
Nov. 12 From Comptroller, tax sale certificates	90
From Comptroller, one mill tax	1,573 50
23 From Comptroller, S E R R	156 26
1899 From Comptroller, S E R R	187 51
1900	\$1,919 11

CREDITS.

Nov. 23—By cash paid warrants	\$1,917 84
By balance	1 24
Nov. 23—To balance on hand	\$1,919 11

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